

VOTES FOR AMENDING OF LAWS ON LOANS

Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association Goes On Record.

The recommendation of the District Commissioners to Congress to amend the "loan shark" law so that it will be easier for needy persons to borrow money, was endorsed last night by the Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association, which also partially approved of the plan of the "commissioners to change the administrative system of the local public schools."

A resolution adopted by the association sets forth that under the present law, does not yield enough profit, and it asks for an amendment that would allow loans to be made at a rate of interest "commensurate with the risk incident to chattel security and with due safeguards against oppression and other recognized abuses."

Chairman William F. Torbet, of the committee on schools, introduced a resolution dealing with the proposed changes in the method of administering the school board, and it was adopted. "It was in the nature of a compromise and approved the suggestion to have the members of the Board of Education appointed by the Commissioners, but held that the Board of Education as at present constituted, and heretofore, has done its work well, and it is at least questionable whether the radical change recommended is necessary or desirable."

It was agreed that the association should make an effort to have Rhode Island Avenue designated as a part of the Lincoln Highway.



Uncle Harry and the Boys Enjoy Christmas Eve

"Get your hats and coats, boys," shouted Uncle Harry through the front door. It was 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon and darkness had fallen, but the electric light on Uncle Harry's automobile made the falling snowflakes shine like little specks of fire.

"What's up, Uncle Harry," called out Jimmy as he bounded downstairs, three steps at a time, pulling his coat on as he came. Joe came tumbling after.

"What day is tomorrow?" replied Uncle Harry with a laugh that rang with suppressed merriment.

"Christmas," shouted the boys together, and Joe couldn't help adding, "That's just for thinking of it."

"What's what up?" laughed Uncle Harry. "Come along, climb into the trolley, Joe, Jimmy, get in front with me. We're going downtown."

In a jiffy the car was whizzing along.



and the boys were blinking to keep the snow out of their eyes. "Jimmy, how much money have you in your pocket?"

Jimmy drew off his glove and felt in his pocket. "That's all," he said.

"Joe, how much have you?"

"A quarter," answered Joe.

"Good," said Uncle Harry. "That makes 35 cents. I have \$5. So altogether we have \$5.35. That's enough. 'Enough for what?' asked the boys, eagerly curious.

For answer, Uncle Harry smiled and winked his eye and opened the throttle still further. Away they went, faster and faster, down the main street. Then they turned to the right on a cross street, and again to the left. The houses grew smaller and more crowded. Here a woman walked along with a bundle of wood. There a small child hurried home, shivering, with a shawl around his shoulders. At last Uncle Harry stopped the car in front of a brick house in the middle of a block, an oil lamp lighted the window.

Uncle Harry jumped out, knocked on the door and disappeared within. The boys were about to ask each other about this strange behavior, when the door opened again and out came Uncle Harry, leading by the hand a little boy and a little girl, both a little pale and wan, but with big, bright, eager eyes.

"In you go," said Uncle Harry, as he swung the little girl into the front seat. Jimmy scrambled over into the trolley. And in you go," and he boosted the little boy into the trolley.

"Children," said Uncle Harry, smiling at the newcomers. This is Jimmy and this is Joe, who are planning to have such a Merry Christmas that they want you to share it. Boys, these children are my little friends, Tommy and Betty. They are to be our guests tonight."

Then Uncle Harry climbed in and away the five of them went down the main street with its colored lights and illuminated store windows. Tommy and Betty's eyes sparkled with excitement. Jimmy's alone felt at their ease and Uncle Harry was so happy and merry and rattling over with good cheer that the children soon forgot their bashfulness and laughed at Uncle Harry's jokes and watched the goldfish in the fountain and gazed at the gaily-decorated Christmas trees, as if he switched. It was a merry party, this party that the boys and Uncle Harry gave to Tommy and Betty on Christmas Eve.

At last the children had their fill of tickles and "candy-cane" and Uncle Harry pulled the car and followed by the smile of the water and the stars in the background, they returned to the automobile and soon were whizzing home.

SECOND LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Virgil O. Strickler, One of Leaders
In Church, Will Speak At
Poli's on Sunday.

Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., will deliver the second of the lectures on Christian Science to be given under the auspices of First and Second Churches of Christ, Scientist, at Poli's Theater, this season. The lecture will be given at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 26.

Mr. Strickler is a member of the board of lecturers of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and is known as one of the most forceful of all the lecturers on this subject. He spoke here last winter to an audience that simply overflowed Poli's, and many were unable to hear him. Because of this lecture to be given Sunday afternoon will be repeated at the First Church, Columbia road and Euclid street, at 8 o'clock Monday evening, December 27.

The speaker will be introduced Sunday afternoon by Senator Clapp of Minnesota.

"Green Bug" Warning Is Sounded By Department

A warning against the "Green Bug," otherwise known as the spring grain aphid, has been sounded by Department of Agriculture experts who entertain fears that this pest may do incalculable damage to the grain crops of the South and West this year. The "Green Bug" has been discovered in great numbers in Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and other States. In these States centers in a special kind of weather, a brand which will not be warm enough to allow the green bug family to multiply rapidly, and not low enough to kill off the four-winged, black minute fly, which makes quick work of grain aphid when the two lock horns.



Green Bug

"Good night," called out the boys, as Uncle Harry stepped the car in front of Tommy and Betty's house. "Merry Christmas," called back the children as Uncle Harry opened the door, shook them into the house and followed to put his respects to their father and mother.

An hour later Uncle Harry and the boys were warming themselves before the fire in the library. Father and mother had come in to listen to their experience.

"As I was saying," it was Uncle Harry who was speaking, "Christmas Day is, of course, supposed to be the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour, although historians are not at all sure that Christ was born exactly on December 25. December is the rainy season in Judea, and neither floods nor snowdrifts would have been likely to be in the fields of Bethlehem. But the exact date makes no difference, any more than in the case of Good Friday and Easter. The important fact is that it is the day set aside in memory of the Nativity."

"All the Christian world celebrates Christmas. It is the time of merrymaking and good will. Last Christmas, at several points along the battle front in Europe the soldier of the opposing armies left their trenches and joined in singing Christmas hymns. A good-natured snowball fight followed. Would it be possible for men, yesterday and tomorrow, thirsting for each other's blood, to get together today in this way unless imbued with the Christmas spirit?"

The fire had burned to embers. Silence fell on the little group. Then Uncle Harry said to Tommy, "This is the best Christmas Eve I have ever had. Let us take Tommy and Betty out against next Christmas Eve."

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CHILD LABOR BILL MAKING HEADWAY

Supporters of Owen Resolution
Expect Favorable Report
From Committee.

Friends of the Owen child labor bill, which has been introduced in the Senate, said today they expected to see early and favorable committee action on the measure. Moreover, they have strong hopes of getting it passed by Congress this session.

It has escaped general notice that the bill has been referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce instead of the Committee on Education and Labor. The reason it was referred to Interstate Commerce is that this committee is regarded as more friendly to the "upping out or restriction of child labor" than the Committee on Education and Labor.

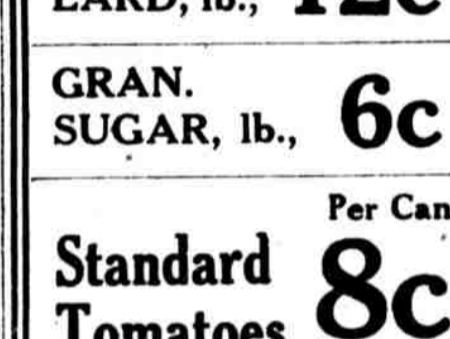
Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia is chairman of the Education and Labor Committee. He is considered an opponent of the Owen bill. Senator Owen preferred to have the measure go to Interstate Commerce, where he thinks the disposition will be to make a favorable report.

The opponents of child labor legislation, it is understood, will make a hard fight against the bill this session because they realize with the increasing pressure for it, it is gaining strength in Congress.

Woman on University's Athletic Probing Body

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Bernhardt Is Recovering Rapidly, Her Doctor Says

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